

Youth Services in South Los Angeles



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Foster Care Youth



- **Ages 6-18**
- **In group home placements**

Identified Needs



- Development of physical and creative skills
- Encouragement of individual interests
- Opportunity for engaging with non-foster peers
- Mentoring relationships with adults
- Positive, alternative environment to home & school
- Continuity of relationships and environments
- Academic support

Suggested Activities



- Over 40 organizations to date
- 45 potential organizations to investigate
- Park & Recreation Centers
- Boys & Girls' Clubs
- Nonprofit organizations
- LAPD
- Arts Programs

Specific Organizations



- California Center for Economic Initiatives
- The Media Aid Center
- Watts/Willowbrook Conservatory of Music
- Free Arts
- A Place Called Home
- People Who Care

Possible Benefits



- Exercise
- Enjoyment
- Friendships
- Mentors
- Improved academic success
- Decreased delinquency
- Development of career interests
- Potential for higher education scholarships

Questions



- **Transportation**
- **Length of Placement/Continuity**
- **Individual vs. Group Home Enrollment**
- **Coordination and Implementation/Oversight**
- **Contingency- Grades/Behavior**